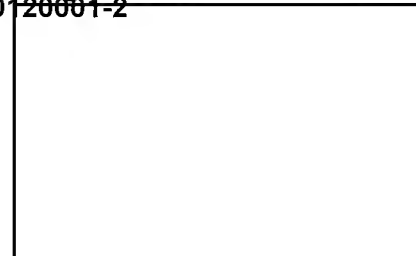




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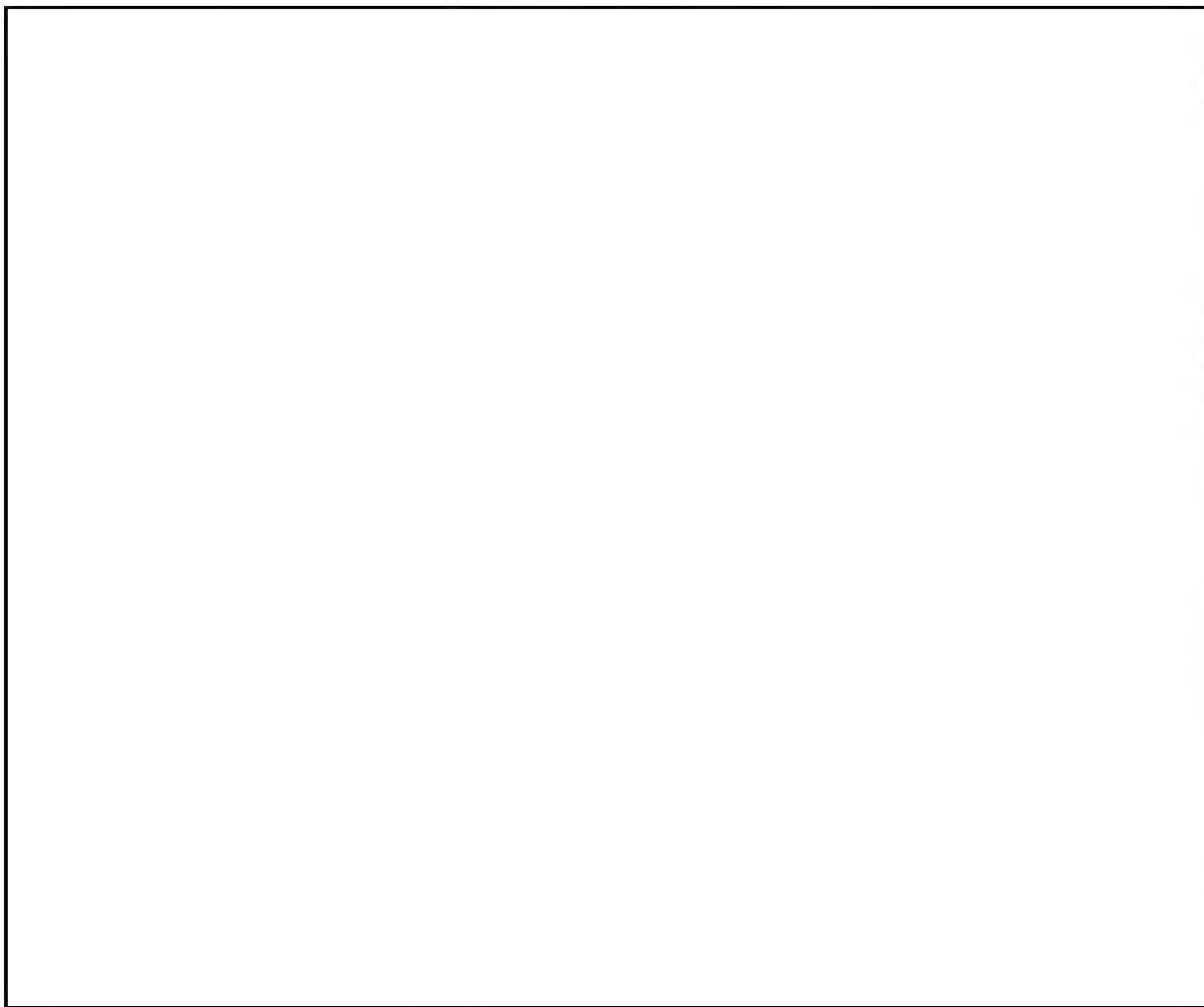
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OVERNIGHT REPORTS

(The items in the Overnight Reports section have not been coordinated within the intelligence community. They are prepared overnight by the Office of Current Operations with analyst comment where possible from the production offices of NFAC.)

Iran

The US Embassy in Tehran came under heavy attack today by 50 to 100 armed youths. Before communications were lost with the Embassy, reports were received indicating that Ambassador Sullivan, the DCM, and approximately 30 other members of the Embassy were on its third floor. The 20-man Marine Guard contingent, which provided the Embassy's only security, was on the first floor; [REDACTED] 25X1

According to British Embassy telegrams, Prime Minister Bazargan's office told the British that efforts would be made to put a stop to the attack. The British Embassy subsequently reported that an official at Ayatollah Khomeini's headquarters stated that priests and armed men have been dispatched to the US Embassy in a bid to calm the situation. [REDACTED] 25X1

armed men were on the roof of the US Embassy while cars were driving up and down the street in front of the Embassy with broadcasting equipment conveying Khomeini's plea for calm.

As of 0500 EST, the provisional staff of the Government of Islamic Revolution announced that the Embassy is "being guarded by soldiers of the revolution." Earlier, unconfirmed press reports claimed that the Embassy had surrendered to its attackers and that 70 Americans, including the Marine Guards and possibly the Ambassador, had been taken prisoner. Two unidentified Americans allegedly were wounded.

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US-Afghanistan

US Ambassador Dubs was killed today after Afghan police charged a hotel room where he was being held by terrorists seeking to exchange him for three political prisoners held by the Afghan Government. Four terrorists--all apparently Afghans--took the Ambassador from his car early this morning. [REDACTED]

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Pakistan

The Supreme Court today stayed the execution of former Prime Minister Bhutto to hold a hearing on the review petition filed yesterday by his attorney. The hearing will be held on 24 February. [REDACTED]

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USSR-France

The bland joint statement issued yesterday at the end of French Foreign Minister Francois-Poncet's official visit to the USSR noted that he and Foreign Minister Gromyko had paid "special attention" to preparations for President Giscard's visit to Moscow late next month and that they also reaffirmed commitments to detente. A separate TASS release asserted that Francois-Poncet had told newsmen before leaving that the two countries hold "identical or similar views" on such issues as the situations in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia, arms control, and implementation of the Helsinki agreement. [REDACTED]

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COMMENT: *The two states do not hold even roughly complementary views on the issues cited by TASS.* [REDACTED]

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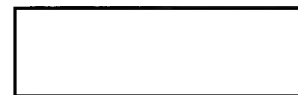
China-Vietnam

In a commentary on Sino-Vietnamese border tension filed yesterday, the US Liaison Office in Beijing noted that while the mood there "seems sober rather than emotional," the border situation "may have a logic of its own." The Liaison Office believes the danger of Chinese intervention on the border will be reduced if Beijing's energies can be diverted in the direction of international actions that can help to bolster an independent Kampuchea. Prince Sihanouk, and his call for an international conference on Kampuchea, may hold the key, according to the Liaison Office, since he is the only credible alternative to Pol Pot and the new Vietnamese-backed regime in Phnom Penh. The Liaison Office commented that, lacking any alternative outlet for Chinese frustration, the military and political deterrents to an attack across the border may not be sufficient to overcome Beijing's desire not to let Vietnam get away unpunished. [REDACTED]

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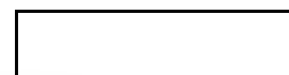
Chad

According to US officials in Ndjamena, the cease-fire [redacted] was not being respected in several parts of the capital as of 0100 Eastern Standard Time today. Forces loyal to Muslim leader Habre have surrounded the presidential palace; government troops with tanks have moved in around perimeter of the city. Sudanese President Numayri reportedly has proposed that he meet with both Habre and President Malloum to attempt to resolve their dispute. [redacted]

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